

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A disk apparatus comprising:

a disk section of recording and/or reproducing at least one of video, audio or data,

a processing section of processing at least one of said video, audio or data,

a disk start controller which controls said disk section and said processing section,

a storage section of storing a flag indicating one of: a disk start disabling mode or a disk start enabling mode; and

a disk start mode setting section of setting an operating mode of the disk section between ~~the~~ either one of a disk start disabling mode of disabling the start of said disk section or a in which said disk section is not powered ON and the disk start enabling mode of enabling the start of said disk section in which said disk section is powered ON, and

a storage section of storing either one of the disk start disabling mode or the disk start enabling mode which is set by said disk start mode setting section, wherein

at a time when wherein said disk start controller, responsive to the disk apparatus being powered ON, power ON operation is carried out, in the case (1) when said storage section stores said disk start disabling mode, said disk start controller

(1) carries out control so as to apply power to said processing section without applying power to said disk section, section when said storage section stores the flag indicating said disk start disabling mode, and in the case

(2) when said storage section stores said disk start enabling mode, said disk start controller carries out control so as to apply power to said disk section and said processing section when said storage section stores the flag indicating said disk start enabling mode.

2. (Previously Presented) A disk apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein said disk start mode setting section is set in said disk start disabling mode in a production shipment stage.

3. (Previously Presented) A disk apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein said disk section is a hard disk to carry out recording and/or reproduction on magnetic disk media.

4. (Previously Presented) A disk apparatus in accordance with claim 3, wherein a safety zone of said hard disk is present on said magnetic disk media.

5. (Previously Presented) A disk apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein said processing section is a tuner to receive broadcasting.

6. (Previously Presented) A disk apparatus in accordance with claim 3, wherein:
the disk apparatus serves as a recorder equipped with a hard disk; and
said processing section is a tuner receiving broadcasting.

7. (Previously Presented) A disk apparatus in accordance with claim 3, wherein:
the disk apparatus serves as a DVD recorder equipped with a hard disk; and
said processing section is (1) a tuner receiving broadcasting and (2) an optical disk section recording and/or reproducing said broadcasting received on an optical disk.

8. (Previously Presented) A disk apparatus in accordance with claim 3, wherein:
the disk apparatus serves as a television set equipped with a hard disk; and
said processing section is (1) a tuner receiving broadcasting and (2) a display section displaying said broadcasting received.

9. (Currently Amended) A disk apparatus controlling method of controlling a disk apparatus comprising a disk section of recording and/or reproducing at least one of video, audio or data, a processing section of processing said video, audio or data, a storage section of storing a flag indicating one of a disk start disabling mode or a disk start enabling mode, and a disk start mode setting section of setting either one of an operating mode of the disk section

~~between the disk start disabling mode in which said disk section is not powered ON, of disabling the start of said disk section or and the disk start enabling mode of enabling the start of said disk section and a storage section of storing either one of the disk start disabling mode or the disk start enabling mode which is set by said disk start mode setting section in which said disk section is powered ON,~~

said disk apparatus controlling method comprising control steps wherein at a time when power ON operation is carried out, in the case (1) when said storage section stores the flag indicating said disk start disabling mode, carrying out control so as to apply power to said processing section without applying power to said disk section, and in the case (2) when said storage section stores the flag indicating said disk start enabling mode, carrying out control so as to apply power to said disk section and said processing section.

10. (Currently Amended) A program of making a computer carry out said control steps of said disk apparatus controlling method in accordance with claim 9, wherein at the time when power ON operation is carried out, in the case (1) when said storage section stores the flag indicating said disk start disabling mode, control is carried out so as to apply power to said processing section without applying power to said disk section, and in the case (2) when said storage section stores the flag indicating said disk start enabling mode, control is carried out so as to apply power to said disk section and said processing section.

11. (Original) A recording medium holding said program in accordance with claim 10, said recording medium being processable by a computer.

12. (New) A disk apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the flag corresponds to mode information and wherein the mode information indicating said disk start disabling mode is set in the disk start mode setting section responsive to installation of the disk apparatus and is reset to the mode information indicating said disk start enabling mode after the installation of the disk apparatus.

13. (New) A disk apparatus in accordance with claim 12, wherein the disk apparatus is configured to accept input from a user to reset the stored mode information to indicate said disk start enabling mode after the installation of the disk apparatus.